USET COVID-19 ECHO

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Nashville Area COVID-19 Epidemiology

Number of Positive COVID-19 Tests at Reporting Facilities in the IHS Nashville Area in the Last Week: **265**

Cumulative Total of Positive COVID-19 Tests at Reporting Facilities in the IHS Nashville Area: **7169**

7 Day Positivity Rate at Reporting Facilities in the IHS Nashville Area: **13.5%**

Data reported to the Nashville Area Office by IHS/Tribal Facilities in the Nashville Area.

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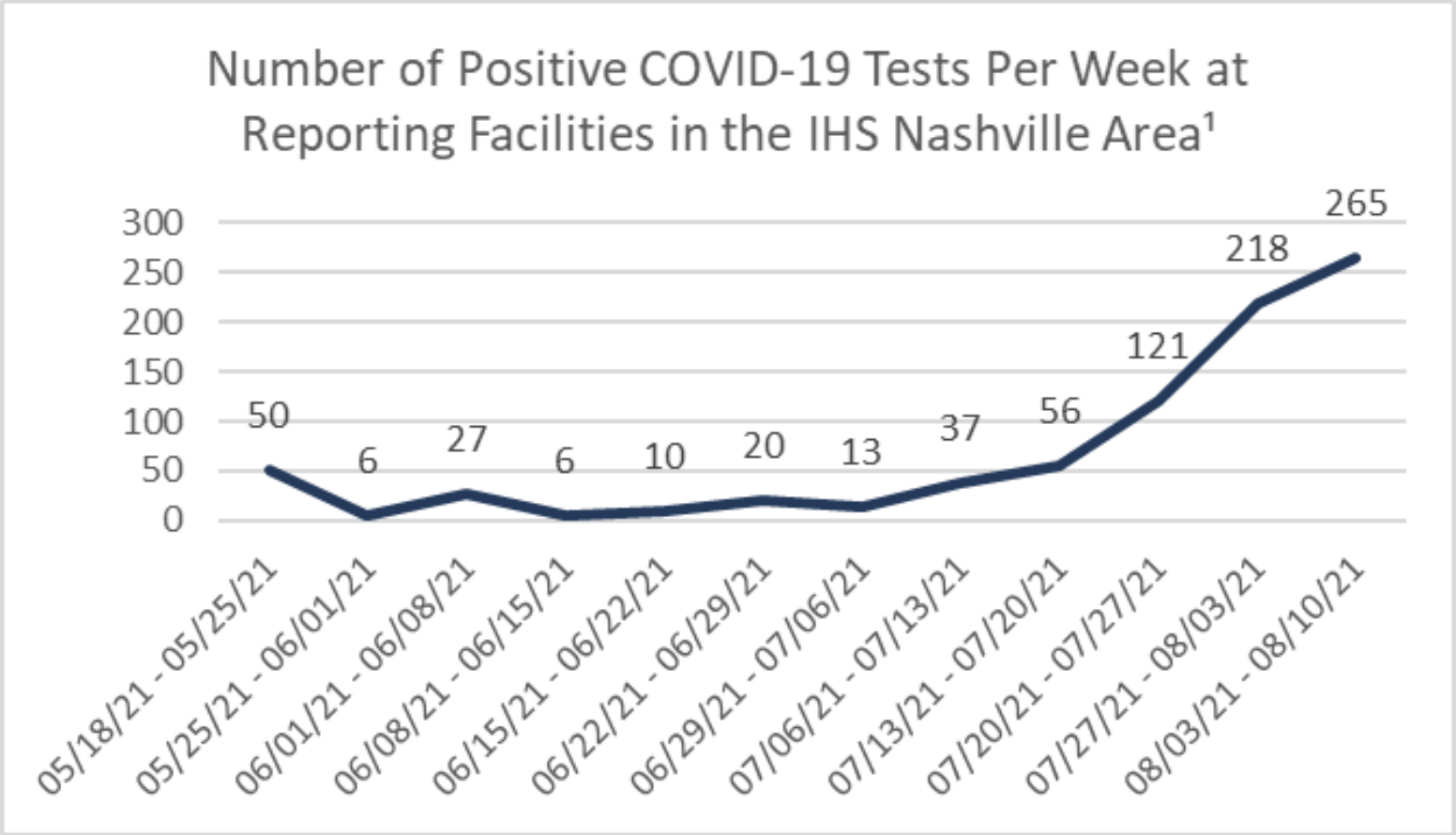
Positive COVID-19 Test Results



Data from daily reports to the Indian Health Service Nashville Area Office.

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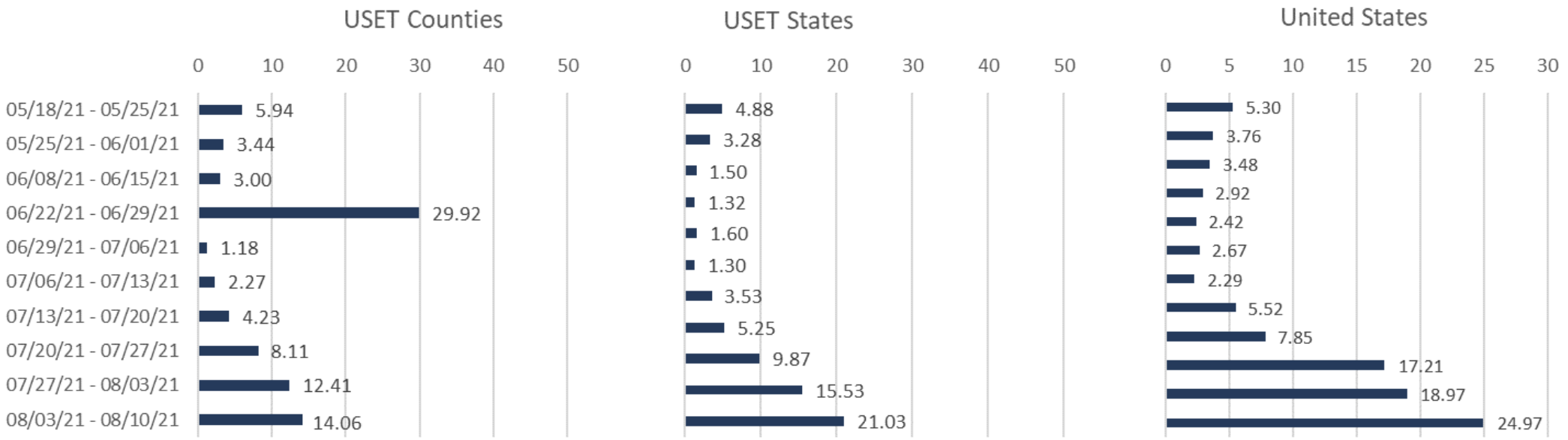
New COVID-19 Cases Per 10,000 Purchased and Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA) vs State vs United States



Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health department websites.
Data mined every Monday and Tuesday.

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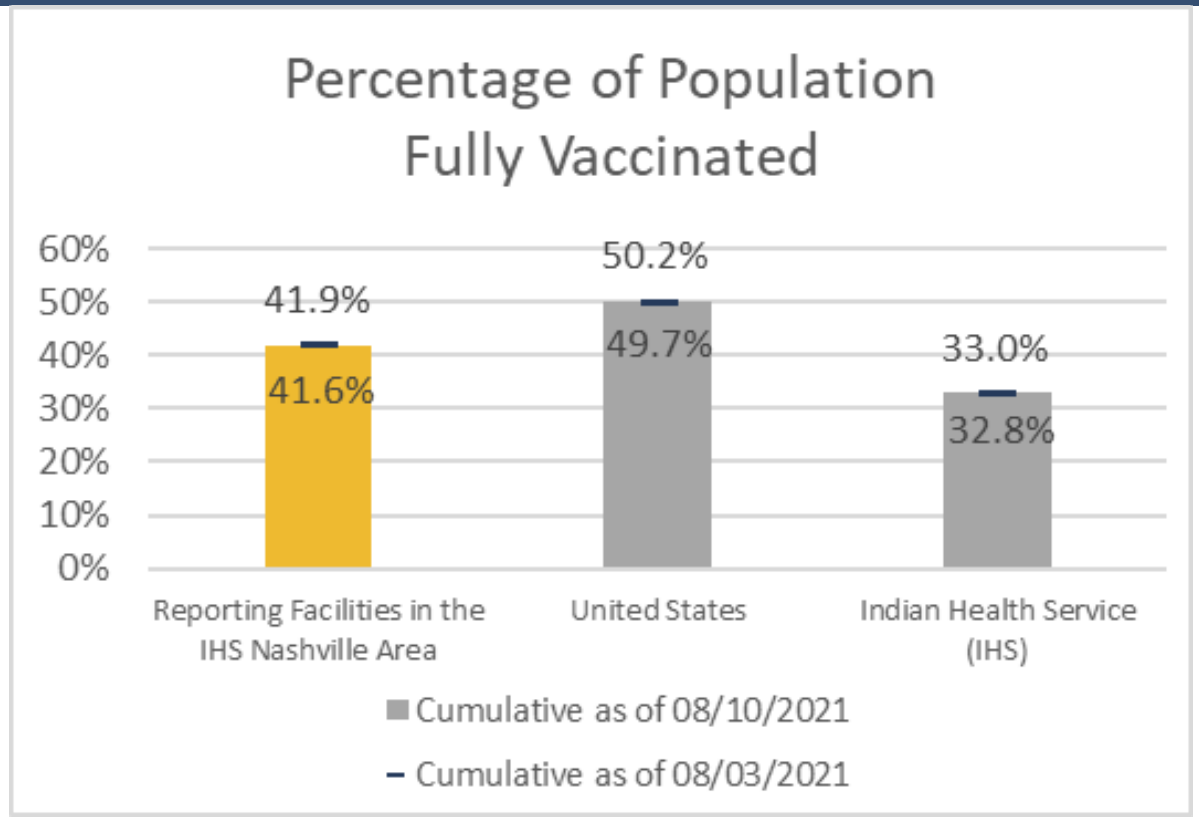
COVID-19 Vaccination Data



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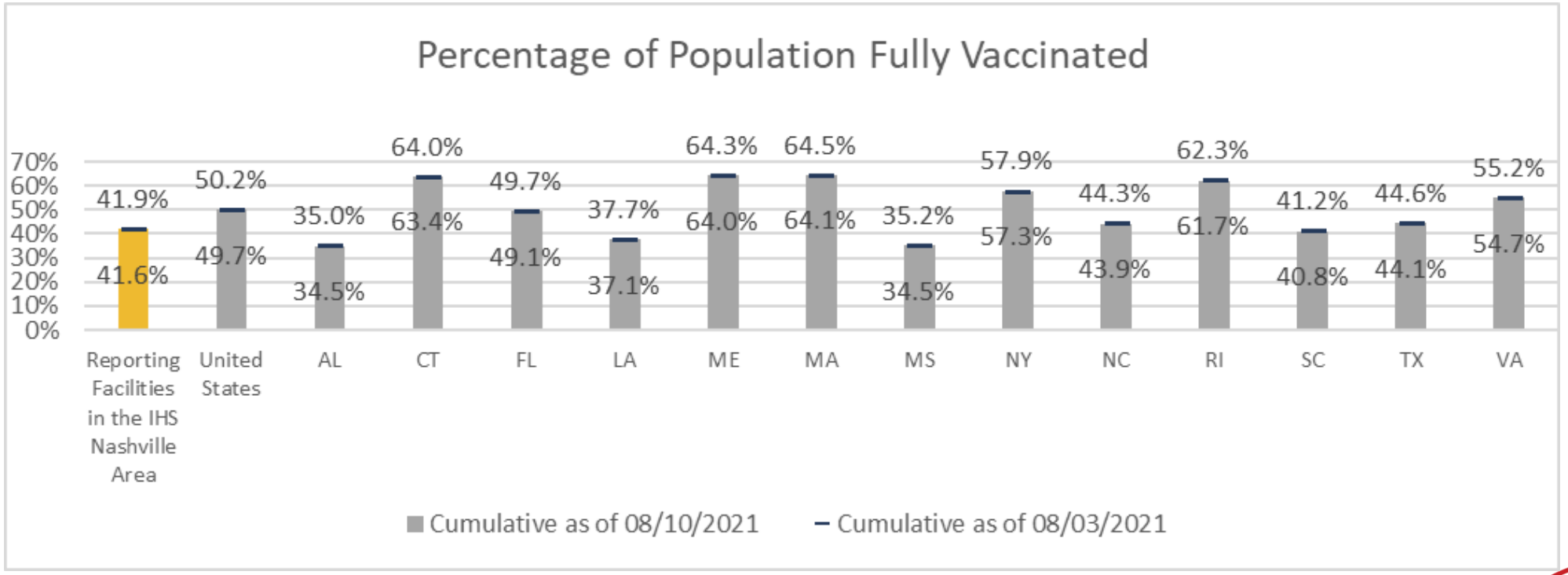

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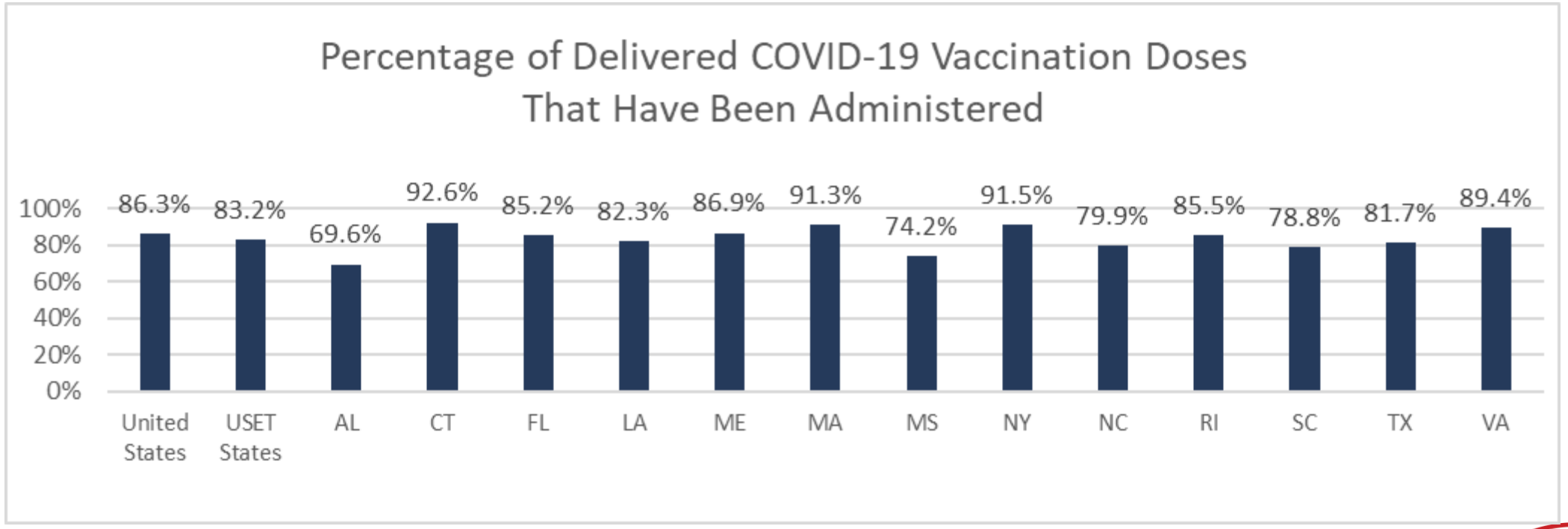

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COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Indian Country: UIHI Report

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Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) Report

- Strengthening Vaccine Efforts in Indian Country: Results from a National COVID-19 Vaccination Survey
  - Report Summary
    - https://www.uihi.org/projects/strengthening-vaccine-efforts-in-indian-country/
  - Full Report
    - https://www.uihi.org/download/results-from-a-national-covid-19-vaccination-survey-strengthening-vaccine-efforts-in-indian-country/?wpdmdl=17560&refresh=611548c09f87a1628784832

Source: Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) Strengthening Vaccine Efforts in Indian Country: Results from a National COVID-19 Vaccination Survey Report (2021)

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Background

- Published in January 2021
- Survey was developed to assess thoughts and behaviors around the COVID-19 vaccine in American Indian (AI) and Alaskan Natives (ANs) across the United States
- Survey Participants
  - 1,435 AI/ANs
    - 46 states
    - 318 Tribal Nations
- 49 questions
  - Aimed to gather information on individuals' readiness to get the COVID-19 vaccine and identify their most trusted sources for information regarding COVID-19

Source: Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) Strengthening Vaccine Efforts in Indian Country: Results from a National COVID-19 Vaccination Survey Report (2021)

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Major Takeaways

- Willing to Get COVID-19 Vaccine
  - 75% of survey participants
    - ¾ (75%) of those willing to get vaccinated had concerns about potential side effects of the vaccine
- Unwilling to Get COVID-19 Vaccine
  - 25% of survey participants
    - 89% of those unwilling to get vaccinated had concerns about potential side effects of the vaccine
    - 75% viewed COVID-19 vaccines as something dangerous to their health
    - 64% specified that they would get the vaccine sometime in the future

- Hesitancy in both groups was oftentimes found to be driven by how quickly the vaccine progressed through clinical trials
- Adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures was found to occur often or always amongst those willing and unwilling to receive the vaccine
- Of all survey participants, 72% desired evidence that the vaccine is safe now and long term

Source: Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) Strengthening Vaccine Efforts in Indian Country: Results from a National COVID-19 Vaccination Survey Report (2021)

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Major Takeaways

- 74% of all survey participants reported that getting vaccinated is a responsibility to their community
- 66% of survey participants unwilling to get the COVID-19 vaccine voiced that getting vaccinated is an individual choice
- Trusted Sources for COVID-19 Vaccine Information
  - Healthcare professionals were identified as the most trusted source for information amongst all survey participants
  - Willing to get the vaccine– highest trust was reflected in Dr. Anthony Fauci, researchers and scientists making the vaccine, and their doctors, respectively
  - Unwilling to get the vaccine– reflected less trust across all sources aside from family, social media, and spiritual leaders

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Recommendations

- Ensure vaccination campaigns have a cultural focus and highlight the unique values of the Tribal community, while also tailoring messaging and emphasizing the connection between cultural preservation and getting the vaccine
- Assist urban Indian and Tribal health clinics take a leading role in COVID-19 vaccination efforts
- Use clinicians, Elders, Tribal leadership, and others greatly trusted in the Tribal community to provide information about COVID-19 vaccines with clear messaging and widespread accessibility

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Questions?

Please contact us at usetepi@usetinc.org if you have questions, concerns, or require general assistance.

Thank You!

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